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ALBANY-EL CERRITO, CALIFORNIA ★ SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1982 ★

hat's the spirit



left) are Jenny Rogers, Julie Kim, patient Henry Figueroa, Mark Zender, patient Thelma Redd and Louie Brehm.

Rules set for soliciting

Council debates who gets a permit

Albany may get marina

Developer is interested in waterfront growth

By JUDY POLUMBAUM

ALBANY — A Tiburon-based developer has expressed interest in developing Albany's waterfront on the basis of a master plan completed six years

Racial tally for RUSD

eks this year RBARA ERICKSON

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ment. Blacks at that time were 28.1
percent.

As overall school enrollment
dropped, the percentage of blacks
increased even though their numbers
were decreasing. Last year, blacks
were 40 percent of the population,
and this year's drop was the first at
least since 1971.

The ractal profiles of in the district's secondary schools changed little from last year. The greatest
changes were at Adams, which went
from 34 percent white and 54 percent
black last year to 30 percent white
and 58 percent black this year.

Crespi gained white population
and lost blacks, from 58 percent white
and 22 percent black to 61 percent
white and 20 percent black.

Pinole Valley High School had the

Studying the symbols of Christmas This week's column is by the Rev. Charles Dickey, pastor of St. Pa-rick's Episcopal Church in El Cerri-

By CHARLES DICKEY

New tales from young and old

A multi-generational anthology

By ROBERTA ALEXANDER

A LBANY — Marcy Alancraig admits that when she gets involved in a project, she is likely to give it her all.

Alancraig, 28, is a writer and teacher who sexred as editor for a just-published anthology, Across the Generations, subtitled "Writings by young and old." Not only is Alancraig up to her elbows in publicizing the book and arranging readings from it, but she is alreadybusy with plans for volume two.

the project's true birth, according to Alancraig, was in the minds of two of her students, Iva Jex and Vernon F. Larsen.

"They suggested that we put together a book," she recalled, "and I thought it was a great idea,"

The result, she said, is unique

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Marcy Alancraid

harles Dickey

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Looking at racial balance

as the Eastern Orthodox churches centered in Eastern Mediterranean lands.

Always more meaning and symbol-oriented than the churches in other lands, this feast commemorated for them that point in time when God took human flesh and manifested ("epiphanized") himself in the person of Jesus. The essential meaning is that God's will alone is the source of Jesus' origins, that the whole creation is focused on the event (the star) and that it is for all men at all times (not just for the Jesus — the Magi were gentiles).

The scriptural story is about the star and the visit of the wise astrologers — even they come to worship and give to him who was sent for all humankind. Don't try to literalize these details or tie them down to recorded history — no one has ever been able to do it. It's also beside the point, for the inspired author is using sublime poetry and picture language to express meaning that no ordinary words could do.

The feast of Christmas and its following season of 12 days carries with it much of the same meaning as Epiphany, but there are some different. To combat an early false teaching about Jesus ("dotetism")

that he was really solely God and only seemed to be a human person, the more historically and literally minded churches in "the West" (North Africa, Italy, Northern and Western Europe) got particularly interested in the details of Jesus" origins. Thus came the stories of the Annunciation, conception, John Baptist, birth, (Jewish) shepherds and the manger at the inn.

Even though these stories are from a more literal and historical time and place than the Eastern Epiphany stories, once again we make an impossible and unproductive task for ourselves if we try to uphold or refute details by our own historical, literal and scientific standards. No, we must allow the authors to speak to us of history and meaning that only picture language can express. And who could do better than use these accounts to say that the origin of Jesus was none other than in God himself, that he was sent to us as a fully human person, and that his coming was of cosmic (angelic) implications.

Thus Christmas and Epiphany are in many ways "twin feasts," with much of the same meaning, yet each expressed in the thought patterns of its age and location. Their dates, which no one pretends to be accurate, were consciously chosen to compete with pagan festivals (Jan. 6 for Epiphany in the East and Dec. 25 for Christmas in the West). Each story —

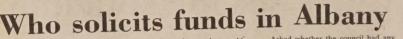
Magi and Star for Epiphany, and Shepherds and Angels for Christmas, contributes its rich symbols and eternal meaning from age to age.

In the interchange of Christian observances in the first few centuries following Jesus' time, the Eastern churches added the Western Christmas, while keeping their own Epiphany as primary. The same was true in the Western churches: they added Epiphany and its stories while keeping their own Christmas and its story as primary.

And this process of expanding observances are supported to the control of the cont

And this process of expanding ob-servances has continued ever since, both from religious and non-religious sources. The evergreens, snow and St. Nicholas (Santa Claus) of North-ern Europe are probably the most observed, but most cultures have added ones that are meaningful to their own time and place. After all, Christmas cards originated in our culture in just the last century.

Massive gift-giving has made the weeks before Christmas more important than the "proper" season of the 12 days following. The pre-Christmas four-week season of Advent has become essentially a long preparation for the Feast. And in this season retail merchants, instead of pricing goods at their highest value, now provide us with some of the best bargain sales of the year!



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Sensing that the time was ripe for a solicy discussion, Vice Mayor Wiliam Johns remarked that the council had managed to handle such applications in the past without a "rigid and fast policy." As long as there is no sudden flood of applications, he said, each case can be left to the discretion of the council.

By NORMAN COLLY While the state by early January, While the state is attempting to cut spiraling Medi-Cal costs through competitive bidding between hospitals, Contra Costa County has deve the way for the county's ween hospitals, Contra Costa County has deve the way for the county's ween hospitals, Contra Costa County has deve the way for the county's ween hospitals, Contra Costa County has deve the way for the county's some local hospitals out of the action of the action of medical services of the money. "The Board of Supervisors seeks to control health care, and not be at the whim of the state," said care, and most be at the care with the county in the state by early January, twenthous the state with the county in the state by early January, the state by early January the state with the county in the county Hospital deligates the county for the money. "The proposal is approved," Kaplan said, "the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the county in the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state with the county in the state by early January the state with the county in the state by early January the state bell-Cal services the way the state by the state bell-Cal proposal in the state County vies for Medi-Cal

Orange County.

State Medi-Cal director William Guy is expected to select about 150 more hospitals within a few weeks. This means about 400 other hospitals will be excluded statewide from treating Medi-Cal patients except in emergencies.

Competing hospitals must submit bids in the form of an all-inclusive daily rate, applied regardless of the types of treatment or surgical procedure.

Opponents to this system argue that competitive bidding will mean a return to "two tier" hospital care, with Medi-Cal patients being on the lower tier. Local hospital representatives have no comment on that. State authorities deny

Man with a song

The good word

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percent. Two schools, King and
Peres, reported no white students.
The highest percentage of blacks
were at Coronado with 94 percent;
King with 96 percent; Nystrom with
95 percent; Peres with 93 percent;
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95 percent; Peres with 93 percent; end, and Stege with 93 percent.
Hispanics had the highest representation at Belding, 32 percent; Cortez, 40 percent; Dover, 33 percent; and Lincoln, 43 percent. Asians were highly represented at three schools: Balboa, 26 percent; Castro, 25 percent, and El Portal, 22 percent.
Filipinos, a small group overall, were surprisingly strong at Hercules and Ohlone Schools, 26 percent and 32 percent, respectively.
Some schools in the district are racially well-balanced and reflect the profile of the district at large. Among them are Bayview with 30 percent white, 37 percent black, 14 percent

Hispanic, 8 percent Asian, and 9 percent Filipino; and Ford with 38 percent white, 48 percent black, 10 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian, and one percent Filipino.

Others that roughly reflect the district's balance are Grant with 33 percent white, 42 percent black, 18 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian, and 2 percent Filipino; and Washington with 42 percent white, 36 percent black, 12 percent Hispanic, 1 percent Asian and 6 percent Filipino.

Other schools, however, such as those with black or white populations in excess of 80 percent, are lacking in racial balance.

The racial populations of the

The racial populations of the schools in the district does not always reflect the neighborhood where they are located because some students attend on intradistrict permits for transfers, often because of babysitting.

Mail bag

She backs the MX

The United States has a need for the MX missile. This need is in response to the Soviet threat, a threat which is ideological, military and nuclear. For many years we have avoided a nuclear war with the Soviets by following a policy of "peace through strength", a policy of nuclear deterrence. That seems like a better policy than matching Soviet strength by American weakness, as the "ban-the-bomber," the unilateral disarmers and the leftists would like the U.S. to do!

U.S. nuclear deterrance is based on a triad of defense, made up of Minutemen missles in the ground, B22 bombers, and submarines.

1. President Reagan has explained that our Minutemen are 15 years old, and they have become vulnerable to the newer, more powerful and more accurate Soviet missiles. The Soviet Union has 388 mobile SS 20 missiles, deployed in 1977, with a range of 3,000 miles, covering all of Western Europe, to none for the West. The Soviets have 308 giant SS 18 intercontinental missiles, capable of knocking out our Minutemen in the ground. They also have more than 200 new SS 16s, deployed 982, the world's first mobile ICMs — well camouflaged.

2. The Soviets have in action their new Backfire bomber, with a range of 5,500 miles. We designed our new bomber, the B-1, but we never deployed it. Secretay of Defense Caspar Weinberger says that within two years Soviet technology will have neutralized our old WWII B 22 bombers, leaving us with only the third leg of the triad.

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3. Submarines don't have the accuracy to destroy Soviet missiles in the ground. Without the other two legs of our triad, our submarines could be in future danger by a sudden breathrough in Soviet technology.

All of this explains why we need the MX, which is a large missile with he capacity to destroy the big Soviet missles in the ground.

Americans developed the missle technology. With the help of an estimated 5,000 Soviet spies in this country the Soviets spoied or stole the technology. While the Americans spent years haggling over whether to build the mobile missile or not and where to put it, the Soviets built and installed theirs.

The "dense pack" plan is to put 100 MX missiles in Wyoming in a strip of land about one mile wide and ten miles long. Dr. Edward Teller, one of the world's greatest scientists, says that he knows of a system — I assume it's a laser system — that will knock down virtually all incoming



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The tasty treasures of the Chinese kitchen

wo new books from a prolific local author

By ROBERTA ALEXANDER

CERRITO -- Chinese cooking expert Jennie Low

polific El Cerrito teacher and writer has two new golific El Cerrito teacher and writer has two new point: The Flavor of Chinatown, written with Pierre (Chronicle Books, \$5.95) and Jennie chuan Cook book (Pressidio Press, \$7.95).

High the popul airly of Chinese cooking (and Low taching people how to do it for 16 years), many netrouble geitting the ingredients they need, she

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heen shopping once a week in Chinatown for 24

had, however, never written a guide before she had, however, never written a guide before she had, however, never written a guide before she who authored The Flavor of North Beach. It



be a match made - if not in heaven - in the

sir many treks around Chinatown, the two be-ds, "He loves Chine'se food," Low said. "If he between Chinese or American food, he'd pick

an important qualification for a writer of a quide to Chinese food, The Flavor of Chinatown aurants, dim sum, food shops and bakeries, as son tea, a glossary of Chinese foods and 21

is currently offering classes at the Berkeley tool, the College of Marin and the El Cerrito by Center. She teaches her students how to shop tool, the college and for atmosphere. The college of the coll

sing the recipes for The Flavor of Chinatown, to provide a diversity of styles that were not ted for the novice. She says that the recipe for rerbs is very easy.

"My cousin served that to me in Hong Kong two years ago, and I worked out this recipe from that. I did change it a little; I put in garlic and green onions," she said.

The new Szechuan cookbook took her a year to do. "I watched other people play on the weekend. I stayed home to write."

to write."

Each recipe is presented in careful steps. Low also describes how much of the dish can be made in advance—
"some people think that Chinese cooking is all done at the last minute"—and what substitutions can be made.
The book's glossary of ingredients not only describes their uses, but also gives storage advice and shows the Chinese characters, in order to help shoppers in an unfamiliar store.

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The tricks and techniques were developed not only in Low's kitchen, but also in her classroom. She also learned from her experience in doing her first book, Chopsticks, Cleaver and Wok, which she self-published in 1974, and which is now in its sixth printing.

"The step-by-step technique may waste paper, but my students appreciate it. I don't tell them how to do things, I show them," she said.

Her courses stress home-style cooking, and Low wants people to know what a dish is supposed to taste like. So, although she knows that people can fix a shortcut Mo Shu Pork using flour tortillas, she will teach them how to make the authentic pancakes.

"That's my duty," she says.

It also appears to be her pleasure, for Low said that even though she might become a millionaire someday, she would hate to stop teaching. Now she dreams of a restaurant — "with a good atmosphere, good food and good service" — the kind of place her students can come to when she eventually retires from teaching.

Low was certainly not brought up to expect a career in food-preparation. A native of Hong Kong, Low was sent to America to study. She spoke little English and knew less about cooking.

"My mother sent me here to go to school and make lots of money. I'm still working on that," she said life" that smile.

Smile.

She appreciates what she called "the good life" that she has built for herself in the United States. "You take it for granted until you go on a trip and see other places," she said.

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Low herself grew up in a privileged environment.

"When I was a child, we had servants. I was in big trouble when I got married," she recalled with a laugh. She started learning how to cook, and she still cooks for her family, which includes two grown daughters.

"We eat a lot of vegetables. We don't eat so much meat. I eat two bowls of rice every night, and I am still under 99 pounds," she said.

Food is not only her business, but her recreation as well. She enjoys eating out — in Chinatown — with family and friends.

"When a big family or friends get together, the favorite topic is eating," she said.

That's a big interest of her cooking students as well. For the past several years, Low has led an annual tour of China. The tours feature visits to cultural and historical sites; "when my students go on the tour, we still talk about food."



When happiness is a hot wok

Jennie's Spare Ribs

- 2 lb. pork spareribs 2 qt. water

- 2 lb. pork spareribs
 2 qt. water
 1 tbsp. oil
 2 tsp. finely chopped garlic
 1/2 cup cold water
 2 tbsp. white wine
 2 1/2 tbsp. white vinegar or cider vinegar
 3 tbsp. sugar
 4 tbsp. dark or thin soy sauce
 2 green onions, finely chopped

- 1. Have your butcher cut spaeribs into strips 1 1/2 inches wide. Cut rib bones apart; trim off fat.

 2. Bring 2 qt. water to a boil. Parboil meat for 3 minutes. Drain well.

 3. Heat wok (or saucepan). Add oil, garlic, and spaeribs. Stir-fry for 3 minutes over high heat. Add 1/2 cup cold water, white wine, vinegar, sugar and soy sauce. Bring to a fast boil. Reduce to medium heat. Cover and cook for 40 minutes. (Check liquid occasionally. Add more water if necessary.)

 4. Remove to a platter (including liquid). Garnish with green onions. Serve.

Advance preparation: The entire recipe may be pre-ared in advanced and refrigerated. It keeps well for se-eral days. It may be kept warm in a covered casserole in a ow oven for up to an hour.

Serving suggestion: This dish goes well with steamed rice. (The juice is very tasty.)

Variation: Substitute raw chicken parts. Leave thighs and drumsticks whole; cut whole breast into 6 equal parts. Omit the parboiling. Beef ribs cut into 2-inch pieces are also delicious cooked this way (without parboiling). Cooking time remains the same for both variations.

Broccoli in oyster sauce

- 1 bunch broccoli (about 1 1/4 lb.) 3 1/2 tbsp. oil 1 1/2 quart water 2 1/2 tbsp. oyster sauce

1. Peel off tough outer covering from broccoli stems. Cut stems and flowerettes diagonally into 1 1/2-inch

eces.
2. Place 3 1/2 tbsp. oil in a small saucepan. Set

aside.

3. Bring 1 1/2 quart water to a boil. Add broccoli and cook, uncovered, for 2 minutes over high heat. (Start timing immediately, Do not wait until water returns to a boil.) Drain.

4. While broccoli is draining, heat oil for 1 minute over high heat. Place broccoli in a shallow dish and immediately pour hot oil over it. (Oil should be so hot that it sizzles when poured over vegetable.)

5. Pour oyster sauce over broccoli. Mix well and serve immediately.

Variation: Try zucchini, Swiss chard, bok choy, as-paragus, cabbage, or Napa cabbage prepared this way. They all require the same cooking time. -From Jennie Low's Szechuan Cookbook

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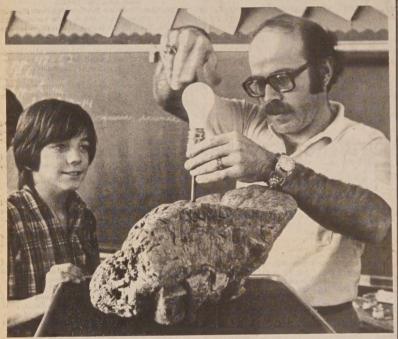
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Frank Bianchi, a teach-er at El Cerrito's Del Mar School, said he wanted to "make a test of Rea-ganomics," to get pri-vate businesses to donate to public education He showed students in his sixth grade class how to make lamps from driftwood he found at the beach, and asked local merchants for donated parts. In the photo at right, Albert Parish, Jr., wires his creation.
Below, Bianchi (right)
and Rick Self, Jr., test
Self's finished lamp. Cooperating businesses include Discount Mart of El Cerrito, Montgomery Ward of Richmond, and Grossman's Hardware, Handyman Hardware and Hands Hardware, all of San Pablo.





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Erica Allen, countywide program coordinator, said Leard is "doing a fantastic job" and that Rio was one of the best-trained golden

guide dog puppies than there are 4-H members willing to raise them. "Yeah, there are more dogs than kids," Allen

Briefs

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In addition, it lists addresses and telephone numbers for federal, state, and local government cnsumer offices, for Better Business Bureaus, and for more than 400 corporations that have officials designated to help consumers settle complaints.

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Christmas Festival of this weekend at Hill

Young 'West County skaters will be properly the Christmas Festival on Ice at 5:30 pm., today arena, Tickets are \$2 general, \$1 children life appearance of the Christmas Festival on Spectators can skate from 7:30 to 9:30 ps. Wednesday is show for \$2.

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nontas: Ramona Council No. 206 Degree of Poneets the second and fourth Mondays of each the Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Ave., at 8:15 p.m.; Delphia Stockholm, Poca-

Chorus: The Berkeley Women's Chorus meet rsday morning at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church

at Solano and Pomona. No auditions are held; the only requisite is the love of singing.

Booster Bingo: Albany Booster bingo meets every Saturday at Albany Middle School, 1000 Jackson St. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7.

Live Wires: There will be no meeting on Dec. 24. The next meeting is Jan. 14. A mystery tour is set for Jan. 23, cost is \$10.

There will be a birthday dinner on Feb. 9, and a tour of the capital on Feb. 20 - (\$15). Call \$25-8757 for reservations.

NARFE: The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Albany Chapter 1282 held its Christmas luncheon and installation of officers.

Officers installed were Donald Holmes, president; Ossie Richardson, vice-president; Sirkka Ramey, secretary; and Madeline Shea, treasurer. The outgoing president is Nicki Guzzo. Entertainment was provided by "Linda and her Bells," and door prizes were given.

Chapter 1282 meets the fourth Tuesday each month at 1 p.m. at Grace Luthern Church Hall, Santa Fe at Ward, El Cerrito. Guests interested in membership are always welcome.

Welcome.

EL CERRITO

Kiwanis: The Albany-El Cerrito Kiwanis meets
Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant, 6120 Potrero Ave., El Cerrito.

El Cerrito Rotary: El Cerrito Rotary meets Thursday
at 12:15 p.m. at Cerrito City Club, 1600 Kearney.
El Cerrito Lions: The El Cerrito Lions Club meets
Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Cerrito City Club,
1600 Kearney. The club collects old or unused eye glasses,
which it sends abroad. Drop off: Sunshine Cleaners, 10750
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Bridge: Free continuing bridge lessons on Thursdays
at Fairmount Recreation Center at 7 p.m. Duplicate game
follows. For information call 236-2321.

Salt Water Revival: The El Cerrito Salt Water Revival
Skin and Scuba Diving Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Harding Park clubhouse,
7115 C St. For information call 525-6229.
Coin Club: The North Bay Coin club meets the third
Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Tassajara Park
club house, Tassajara and Barrett, El Cerrito. No meeting
in December.

KENSINGTON

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Bernice Urlaub and Mary Bre Arlington Women: Bernice Urlaub and Mary Brekas will be hostesses for the contract bridge ection meeting at noon on Dec. 20 in the Arlington Community Church. Singles: The Singles Club of the First Unitarian

Church schedules many activities, including yoga, singa longs, dinners, dances, work parties and theatre parties For information, call 526-3601.

THOUSAND OAKS THOUSAND OAKS

Overeaters Anonymous: Meets every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Northbrae Community Church, upstairs in the 4th-5th grade room. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For further information call 569-1374 and leave a message.

Veterans Widows: Widows of veterans meet the last Monday of each month in the Federal Building, 1515 Clay St., Oakland, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 527-5989, evenings.

Bridge: The Live Oak Bridge Club is a non-profit community group that sponsors regular duplicate bridge sessions at the Live Oak Community Center in Berkeley.

ley.

Games are played Wednesday at 7 p.m., Friday at 12:30 p.m. and at Saturday 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Dick Evans at 843-4605.

Newman Women: The traditional Christmas tea of the Newman Women's Club will be held in the Library at Newman Center, 2700 Dwight Way, Berkeley, on Monday, Dec. 20 following the 12:10 Mass and program. Program will be presented by the Training Group of the San Francisco Youth Chorus. Meredith Rutter, president, will welcome guests and members. In lieu of an exchange of gifts, donations are suggested which will be given to charity.

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Celebrating their first wedding anniversary with a trip to Carmel were El Cerrito residents Manuel and Jan Gonsalves. They stayed at the elegant Gosby House in Pacific Grove and enjoyed sightseeing around Carmel and Pebble Beach.

Women — interested in singing four-part harmony, barbershop-style with a weekly group? If so, Harmony Bay Chapter of the Sweet Adelines is welcoming new members. Harmony Chapter is one of the 700 chapters of the international Sweet Adelines. The Harmony Chapter boasts 30 members from West Contra Costa and other parts of the Bay Area. They meet Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church in Berkeley. Among the activities of the Sweet Adelines are a Northern California regional convention in which they compete each spring, and various other paid and benefit performances throughout the year. On the group's December agenda are performances at Hilltop Mall, Herrick Hospital and a performance for the Oakland Women's Professional Association.

The only requirement for prospective members is an enjoyment of singing and the ability to work at it. For more information on membership, or to schedule a performance call Deanna at 525-1196 or Carol at 526-6160.

El Cerrito residents Merve and Dottie Magidson recently returned from a two-month motor home tour of the United States. The Magidsons toured 31 states, sightseeing in such places as New York, Washington D. C., Nashville, Philadelphia, Chicago, Las Vegas, and Mexico-Among their favorite places visited were the Smithsonian Institute, Mt. Rushmore, historic Arlington Cemetery, the Grand Ole Opry and attending a college football game at the Astrodome. The Magidsons also visited their daughter and son-in-law John and Ilene Marshall in Houston for two weeks and various other relatives in Baltimore before they returned home.

I can always use more information for my column. Please don't hesitate to call and tell me about your weddings, engagements, vacations, houseguests and other social activities. I can be reached at \$27-1592.

AHS Site Council eyes discipline

ALBANY — The Albany High School Site Councilly will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at p.m. at 1675 Marin Ave., albany.

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Contra Costa library hours

BAY AREA

Ernest Siegel, Contra Costa County Librarian, announces the closing of the County Central Library and all branches for the holidays as follows: Christmas: Closed Thursday, Friday and Sat-

urday, Dec. 23, 224, and 25.

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After a wedding trip to Yosemite, the couple lives in Richmond. The bride is a graduate of UC San Diego. She is employed at the Gap Stores Inc.

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ALBANY — Brenda lesch of El Sobrante beame the bride of Robert lansen of Albany in a reent ceremony.

The bride wore an ivory redding gown trimmed in eruffled chantilly lace and nulti-ruffled hemline with ttached chapel train.

Maid of honor was Be-erly Resch; other atten-lants were Kate Hansen, the ridegroom's sisters. At-ending the bridegroom were Jim Hansen, Ronald Delatorre, and Joe Pingue-o. Ring bearer was Mi-hael Hanson.

Following a reception at Maple Hall in San Pablo, the couple took a wedding trip to New Mexico and Arizona. They now live in El Sobrante.

The bride graduated from DeAnza High School and is employed at JC Penery's in the Hilltop Mall. Her husband graduated from Albany High School and is employed at Marriot Hotel, Berkeley.

Briefs

YMCA plans holiday fete

holiday fete
ALBANY — The Al
any YMCA will sponsor
ts annual Christmas party
on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 2
o 4 p.m. at the YMCA,
21 Kains Ave.
The party will feature
games, storytelling, candy
zanes, Santa Claus, refreshments, and rides on
the old Albany fire truck
there is no cost, and all
ages are invited.
Rides on the fire truck
will begin at 2 p.m. and go
from Albany Village to the
YMCA. For further information please call the
YMCA at 525-1130.

Studying artillery

Derek K. Mobley, son of O.D.P. Mobley, El Cerrito, and Arthanell G. Lites of San Francisco, has completed training as a cannoneer under the one station unit training.

Okla.
Students learned the duties of a howitzer or gun section crewman and received instruction in handling ammunition, setting fuses and preparing charges, communications

Visiting the lonely

LITA (Love Is The Answer) is seeking volunteers to serve as special one-to-one friends with lonely people in West Contra Costa County nursing

homes.
To learn more about LITA, call 527-2055.
To make a tax-deductible donation, send your check to LITA of Contra Costa, 6830 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Exercise for small fry

ALBANY — The Albany YMCA offers a basic movement education and exploration program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and their par-

There are both morning and evening classes, for children nine months to five years. Classes begin Jan. 3.

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bany 94706. Make checks payable to Writing Project, Educators Improvement Service. Include \$1.10 for mailing costs or call \$25-4856 to arrange for pick-up.)

Alancraig said that finding money was the hardest part of the project — but choosing the selections ran a close second.

"We did it in an agonizing kind of way," Alancraig admitted.

"We divided up the material and we divided it into 'yes,' 'no' and 'maybe' piles."

All four editors had to read and agree to all the "yes" and "no"

All four editors had to read and agree to all the "yes" and "no" votes, she said. Then they repeated the process on the

"maybes."

She's not sure yet what format will be used with the second vol-

"I think we're going to explore the differences among senior citizens. Everyone over 65 is a senior citizens. Everyone over 65 is a senior citizen, but they are not all alike," she said.
"For example, I've noticed that there's a real difference between people born before and after World War I. They have a different outlook, a different world view."

Poetry sampler from young & old The following poems are from Across the Genera-

Baptizing by Fannie Mae Scott

And every Sunday we'd have a baptizing pool.

And every Sunday we'd have a baptizing until they baptized me.

When they baptized me, they strangled me.

They put me in so deep until the water went up my nose and I couldn't get my breath.

And that's why I was strangled, broke up the baptizing. They shook me and I spit that water up.

But we never did tell our mothers about it.

Old men surrender to the water slowly easing weak muscles and stiff joints. While the young churn through laps, they paddle and float. They have given over achievement.

They lie on their backs and dream. They are brittle boats waiting to break uplearning to dissolve to the first element. oon is 34)

Issei/Nisei/Sansei
by Kazue Nakahara

Almond-eyed immigrants In Japan Town ghettos Gardeners and farmers Speaking strange syllables Eating raw fish and rice.

Second generation citizens
In concentration camps
Almond-eyed decorated veterans
Speaking ambilingually
Eating bread and rice.
Sansei
Third generation Americans
In middleclass neighborhoods
Scientists and teachers
Speaking only English
Eating hamburgers and rice
BUT
Still almond-eyed.
(Nahahara is 36)



Seasonal arts

Children at the Albany Pre-School have been ringing in the season by making holiday deco-

rations. Shown here, Brighid Moonbloode (left), teacher Anna Sala and Stephanie Sala.

Learn to pump iron

ALBANY — A class in physical conditioning wit weights for men and women will be offered again by th Albany Adult School beginning Tuesday, Jan. 4, at

p.m.

The class, taught by Marty Halpern, will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. at Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd., for 10 weeks. Cost: \$24.

To register or obtain more information, call 526-6811 or 525-7131.

Holiday fire safety ALBANY — The public is invited to a program on fire safety for holidays taking place at the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 2

p.m.

Dennis Rivers of the fire department will talk and demonstrate safety equipment for home, office and car. There will be a question and answer period.
Rivers says more fires occur in homes at this time of the year than any other.

Holiday care for kids

The Berkeley-Albany YMCA is sponsoring holiday care for children of working parents. "Holly Days" is a full day program for children ages 5-12 which will operate Dec. 20-23 and Dec. 27-30.

The hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with supervised play from 8-9 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.

Activities include surprise field trips, matinee day, Ruldoph's nose party, ice skating party, and crazy olympics. A special snow trip to Leland Meadows Resort near Pinecrest is scheduled for Dec. 23.

Programs will be conducted in Berkeley and Albany. The registration deadline is Dec. 15. The cost for each day ranges from \$14 to \$24.

For more information call 525-1130.

Drivers sought to aid meal service to elders

The portable meals program provides a hot, nutritious meal and visit to homebound seniors five days a week. Many older adults who otherwise would have to be hospitalized are able to remain in their homes with the help of this service.

Volunteers may drive one day a week, once or twice a month, or on a substitute basis to suit their schedule. Call the acting coordinator, Leola Polk, at 848-0347.

A Yule helping hand

The Salvation Army is cooperating with the West County Volunteer Bureau-sponsored Christmas Clearing House in order to avoid duplication of services and to help more families in need this holiday season.

Other agencies in support of the Clearing House are the San Pablo and Richmond police, the San Pablo Toy Shop, the Carquinez Coalition, the American Red Cross, the Richmond Rescue Mission, North Richmond Neighborhood House, the St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Contra Costa Girls Club, Contra Costa Social Services and the Rodeo Community Center.

Other groups planning to help others this Christmas should contact Merl Kerns at 237-9788.

Albany Library sets holiday programs

ALBANY — The Albany Library will celebrate the holiday season with three programs for children.

Evening story time for ages 3 through 7 will be given on Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Dec. 28. The program lasts approximately 35 minutes and will include stories, picture book reading and simple singing and stretch activities. Children are invited to wear pajamas to the program. For school-age children, two stories a day are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. each afternoon, through Dec. 30. On Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., a special holiday program for children will be presented. A puppet show, "Arthur's Christmas Cookies," will be featured. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Albany Library, Inc.

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Getting down

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Liquor Barn opens

The Liquor Barn finally opened its doors on San Pablo Avenue near Solano in Albany following a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Dec. 11. Shown here (from left) are Hal Denham, manager of the Albany Chamber of Commerce; Steven Boone, store coordinator; Lou Cesario, district manager; Don Gaude, store locator; George Kolokousis, store manager; Kent Ochs, president of the Albany Chamber of Commerce; Ruth Ganong, mayor of Albany; Henry Kruse and Robert Nichols, members of the Albany City Council; and William Johns. Albany vice City Council; and William Johns, Albany vice

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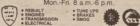
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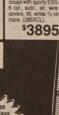
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ALBANY — Sherri Dryer, a junior, has participated in sports since her freshman year, when she played junior varsity basketball. As a sophomore, she played junior varsity basketball and volleyball; this year she is on the varsity volleyball team.

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Team sports are more appealing to her than individual sports because Dryer says she likes the excitement of working with others to achieve a common goal.

Dryer is a reporter and exchange editor for the high school newspaper. The Informer. She especially likes the autonomy and the individuality of being part of the newspaper staff, saying that she feels "It helps me be more responsible."

She recently attended a conference on earthquakes at Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley that led to an article in the school newspaper. She was the only representative of a student newspaper present.

Art is very important to

Art is very important to her. She is now in her sec-ond year of advanced art, ond year of advanced art, and after taking a calligra-phy class in her freshman year, found she had a spe-cial aptitude for that exact-ing form. She now tries to schedule at least one art class a year. Dryer is also a service student, tutoring in



Sherri Dryer

others' efforts. She also says the friends she has made at Albany High are very important to her, helping her out when needed.

In her free time, she does babysitting, paints with water colors ("it helps me unwind") and is a member and past president of Rainbow Girls, a Masonic order.



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